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Everyone's
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OCTOBER DECLARED CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Governor Kenny Guinn has declared October as Cyber Security Awareness Month for the State of Nevada. Cyber Security Awareness has also been declared a National event for the month of October.

The Computer Crime Research Center states: We now face a more difficult problem; user awareness. With targeted phishing and Trojan horse attacks, an unwitting user can be duped into running an attachment, surfing to a happy-looking-but-evil website or entering information into a form that pops up on the screen. Such attacks represent a real threat to most organizations. Our entire culture needs to come to terms with the risk of computer crime and how to identify and avoid its common forms. Pretty much everyone that uses computers has to learn about e-mail and website con jobs, phishing, Trojans, viruses, and other scams.

The office of Information Security Awareness is here to help you become an educated user; visit our website at <http://infosec.nv.gov>. We are also available for Awareness presentations to Agencies, Boards, and Commissions.

The Office of Information Security online Security Awareness Training is located at <http://infosectraining.intranet.nv.gov>. Over six thousand state employees, including some contractors, have taken the online training.

CYBERSTALKING AWARENESS

Cyberstalking is a relatively new form of electronic crime. Cyberstalking or online harassment is an electronic extension of the real life form of stalking. Often victims of Cyberstalking do not take the problem seriously until it becomes a case of real life stalking.

Although Cyberstalking can take many forms, unsolicited email, including hate, obscene, or threatening mail is one of the most common forms of harassment. Online harassers will often bombard you with messages of hate and obscenity and eventually trace your home phone number and address.

The three most common areas of vulnerability are; 1) Live chat or Internet relay chat lines. 2) Message boards or Usenet (news groups). 3) E-mail (this form usually occurs after the initial contact through live chat or Usenet situations).

Once a computer user has become aware of the different ways Cyberstalking can occur educating and protecting yourself from this criminal activity is simplified. A good source of Cyberstalking information can be found at <http://cyberangels.org/stalking.html>

Meet the New Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)

Hello, my name is James Elste, and as the new Chief Information Security Officer for the State of Nevada I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am an Information Technology professional with over twenty years of professional experience and nine years of specialization in the field of Information Security.

Prior to joining the State of Nevada, I served as the Chief Security Officer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive office of Health & Human Services. In that role I was responsible for establishing the Office of Information Security and directing the security and compliance activities in the seventeen agencies that comprise the EOHHS Secretariat. I was also a Senior Consultant with IBM, Security & Privacy Practice and Senior Manager with Ernst & Young, eRisk Services. I am a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and a Certified Information Security Manager (CISM).

It has been my experience that information security is an important part of reliable information systems, and hope each of you will consider the importance of protecting the State's information resources. I look forward to the challenges and experiences that lie ahead, and to working with people throughout the State of Nevada.

Today, there are an increasing number of Cyberstalking cases.

Don't let Cyberstalking take control of you.



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